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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
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Art Unit: 1742 (Examiner: McNelis, Kathleen A)
Applicants: STEPHEN M. POTTER
PEDRO GUTENBERG QUARIGUASI NETTO
Serial No: 10/789,694
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Title: COMBINED PRE-TREATMENT PROCESS FOR ENABLING FEED MATERIAL
TO BE CHARGED IN DIRECT REDUCTION PROCESS

Charlotte, North Carolina
September 14, 2006

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed August 9, 2006, the Interview Summary faxed August 16, 2006, and the Advisory Action mailed September 6, 2006 Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Amendment of the Claims begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4. Note, the Amendment removes the new issues cited in Advisory Action mailed September 6, 2006.